

# STATEMENT OF SCOPE

## DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

Rule No.: DE 2

Relating to: Pathway to licensure for foreign trained applicants for licensure as dentists

Rule Type: Permanent

**THIS STATEMENT OF SCOPE AMENDS AND REPLACES THE  
STATEMENT OF SCOPE APPROVED BY THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD  
ON APRIL 3, 2014 AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR ON MAY 8, 2014**

**1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only):**

N/A

**2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:**

The objective of the proposed rule is to modify and clarify the pathway to licensure for foreign trained dentist applicants

**3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:**

The Board has determined that the standards for evaluating applications from individuals whose education were obtained from a school other than an accredited U.S. or Canadian dental school is inconsistent with our surrounding states. Wisconsin's standards for foreign trained dentists were last revised in 2007 and require evidence of the successful completion of an accredited postgraduate program in advanced education in general dentistry or an accredited general dental practice residency. This is a minimum one year program. A one year program's content is not sufficiently equivalent to the education received at a U.S. or Canadian dental school.

Michigan requires a 2 year program leading to awarding of a DDS or DMD degree or a 2 year dental specialty program. Illinois requires a 2 year clinical training at a school resulting in meeting same level of scientific knowledge and clinical competence as all graduates from the dental school or 2 year accredited advanced dental education program. Iowa requires a 2 year undergraduate supplemental dental education program at an accredited dental college providing didactic and clinical education to the level of a DDS or DMD graduate of the same school. Minnesota requires evaluation of the foreign dental school by the International Credentialing Associates and the education must be equivalent to a school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and once the exam is passed and other requirements, the Minnesota Board issues a Limited General Dental License which requires practicing under a Minnesota licensed dentist for 3 years.

The alternative to proposed rule is for Wisconsin to license foreign trained dentists without ensuring that their training is equivalent to dentists trained at a school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

**4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):**

15.08(5)(b) Each examining board: Shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession.

447.04(1)(b)1. Except as provided in par. (c), the examining board may grant a license to practice dentistry to an individual who is licensed in good standing to practice dentistry in another state or territory of the United States or in another country if the applicant complies with all of the following requirements: Meets the requirements for licensure established by the examining board by rule.

**5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule:**

150 hours

**6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule:**

Applicants with dentistry training from a school located outside of the United States or Canada

**7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule:**

None

**8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):**

None to minimal economic impact. The rule is not likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses.

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